



(U) SPS, GRS Officers Rescue Driver from Burning Car, Save Life

(U) On Tuesday, 4 November, five security officers saved a motorist's life with their quick response to a vehicle accident outside the George Washington Parkway Gate to the Headquarters compound. At 4:01 p.m., a driver heading northbound on the George Washington Parkway merged onto the onramp to the Headquarters compound for unknown reasons. As the car traveled around the bend, the left-side tires struck the curb of grassy median between the two lanes, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle and increase speed. The vehicle swerved to the right, jumped another lane, and crashed into the tree line on the north side of the George Washington Parkway Gate. The car hit a large tree, which fell, and the impact of the crash caused an engine fire.

(U//~~FOUO~~) Security Protective Service (SPS) officers [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6)
[redacted] who were posted at the gate, responded immediately and ran to the crash site. Former SPS officer and current Global Response Staff (GRS) officer [redacted] who was departing the compound at the same time as the crash, stopped to assist, grabbing an extra fire extinguisher from the trunk of his car. At first, two of the officers attempted to extinguish the fire, but were unable to do so because the downed tree prevented them from getting close enough for the extinguishers to be effective.

(U) Realizing the fire was growing, the officers knew they had to get the driver out of the vehicle. "The doors were locked and we were unable to break the windows," [redacted] said. Luckily, after about several minutes, the driver, who had been knocked unconscious following the crash, regained consciousness and unlocked the driver side door. "I was moments away from using my firearm to shatter one of the windows," [redacted] added. With the door open, [redacted] cut the driver's seat belt, and along with [redacted] pulled the man from the vehicle. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(U) The SPS officers, who were concerned about the possibility of other passengers in the vehicle, repeatedly asked the man if he was the only person in the vehicle. "He didn't know where he was, but he kept saying 'no' when we asked him if there were other passengers in the vehicle," one SPS officer said. Confident that the driver was alone, the officers then carried the driver a safe distance from the fire, which was growing larger. About 20 seconds after the officers had evacuated the driver from the immediate area, the fire engulfed the vehicle's cabin.

(U//~~FOUO~~) At 4:07 p.m., two officers from SPS's [redacted] (b)(3) (b)(6)
[redacted] responded to the accident with more fire extinguishers and anti-chemical equipment. Minutes later, Fairfax County Fire Department's Engine 401 arrived on scene. [redacted] teamed up with the firemen to quickly extinguish the fire.

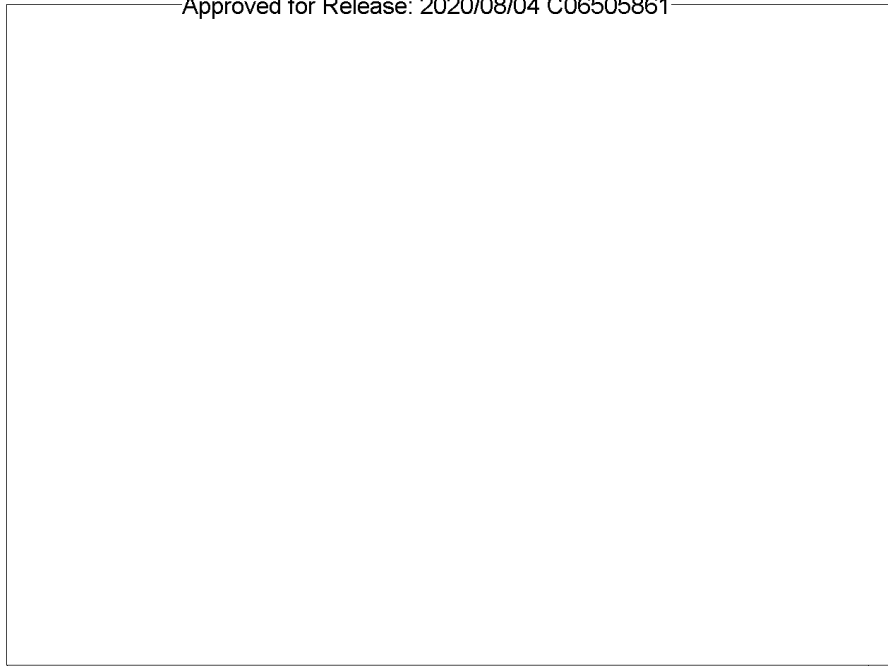
(U) An ambulance took the driver to a local hospital. The [redacted] SPS officers who responded to the scene were treated for smoke inhalation as a precaution at local hospitals. All officers involved returned to work the following day. (b)(3)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The next day, Director for Support [redacted] upon learning of the heroism of the officers, went to the Security Operations Center to present each officer with her personal coin in recognition of their dedication, teamwork, and life-saving actions. On Thursday morning, Director John Brennan met with the officers, gave each his coin, and congratulated them on a job well done. (b)(3) (b)(6)

(U//~~FOUO~~) The officers who responded to the scene:

(U//~~FOUO~~) Other officers who dispatched and coordinated operations:

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